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Shi. Shoun, Shoun

THE
CHOICES
PLEADED ♪

FOR THE
DARK TO
STAY AWAY ♪

BE FINE,
FOUL SUN ♪

Shoun

Chapter 1:
The Patriot (I)



市



EXCUSE
ME, DEAD
CLIENTS...

ARE YOU
SURE YOU
DON'T NEED
THE STAFF?



.....



IT'S FINE,
I AM HERE
FOR HER.
DON'T
WORRY

RIGHT,
SCHIP



ARR...



THY

THY

In Japan, which until recently had been closed to foreign contact, prejudice and xenophobia are still common, and the Kanagawa post town is no exception.

In the few years after the Tokugawa Shogunate launched its program to open the country to foreign presence, Yokohama and its surrounding territories including Kanagawa were opened to foreigners and places for their residence were prepared including some of the local temples.

Kanagawa post town". 1866, the first year of the Bunkyo era.

THE GUN'S REALLY HEAVY

"THE POST TOWN HERE WILL REMAIN FIRST OF ALL A ROAD TOWN TO PROVIDE FOR SAMURAI-PROCESSIONS GOING TO AND FROM THE SHOGUN'S RESIDENCE. THE SHOGUN'S RESIDENCE, FUKUKAWA, IS IN THE EAST. SHOGUN'S LAKE IS HERE. LOCATED HERE IS A TOWN OF SAMURAI. BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE SHOGUN'S RESIDENCE IS A ROAD."

"THE SHOGUN'S RESIDENCE IS HERE. THE SHOGUN'S RESIDENCE IS HERE."



BUT EVEN IN
THE RAIN,
IT'S PORTY
CROWDED!

ICH, I HAVE
TO SAY, YOU
ALWAYS
WORRIES ME.

~~~~~

IT'S  
REALLY A  
SHAME THAT  
I CAN'T  
SHOW YOU  
ANY OF  
THIS!

THERE ARE SO  
MANY BEAUTY AND  
INTERESTING  
THINGS BEING  
SOLD AND DIS-  
PLAYED HERE!  
BEING NEAR  
FOCKHALL,  
THE CITY OF  
FOREIGNERS,  
IS GREAT!



10/10/00, 10/10/00





More importantly, this Dr. "Hobbes" will reward us generously, right?

かみ

WE SHOULD NOT TO HAVE OVERLOOKED HOBBS' IN THE COMPANY

THE GENTLEMAN WE'VE MOVED TO MEET IS ELEGANT AND WILL BE AN ORNAMENT

HMM, YOU TWO ARE YOU RUDE, YOU'RE UP FOR THIS?

We haven't eaten properly in ages. I'm starving on you, partner!

GET OFF!



WHAT?!

RIGHT, ICHU?

YES, YES, DON'T BE SO UP-TIGHT!

YOU ARE INVITED FOR THE CHRISTIAN'S HOLY DAY TOMMORROW,

SO PLEASE BE—

YOU'RE SO RUDE!



Oh...?

またまた





YES!  
OK!

OH! GAVE  
GOOD TIME!

OH! HERON!

WHAT  
THIS IS  
MEDICINE  
DOES  
USE.

PLEASE  
TRANSLATE  
FOR ME.













ICHU  
ARE YOU  
ALL  
RIGHT?

I HEARD THAT  
TOUCHING A  
FOREIGNER  
WILL GIVE  
YOU MASTY  
DISEASES!  
TAKE CARE—



HANDS  
OFF!



IT  
APPEARS THE  
EXAMINATION  
WAS PRE-  
PARED SO  
PLEASE WAIT  
A MOMENT  
WHILE WE  
GET READY

THE  
DOCTOR'S  
HOUSE IS A  
BIT FURTHER  
DOWN THE  
ROAD

I WILL  
BE IN  
YOUR  
CARE



WE HAVE  
TO WALK IN  
THE RAIN  
AGAIN...?





SHE'S  
OBVIOUSLY  
NOT FROM A  
GOOD  
BACKGROUND.  
SHE MUST DO  
THAT TYPE OF  
WORK TOO.

YOU'VE  
SAID!  
SHE  
MUST BE AN  
OUTCAST!

LOOK...  
THAT  
GODD-  
DAMN HAS  
A HAIR  
COMB-  
NION...

SHE MUST  
HAVE HAD  
AN ILLEGAL  
AFFAIR AND  
BEEN  
EXILED FROM THE  
ORGANIZA-  
TION...

IN SUCH  
DIRTY  
CLOTHES...!

AND I  
HEARD  
THAT FOR-  
BESNERS  
ARE ALL  
PEO-  
VERTS...

SHE'S AN  
OUTCAST  
GODD.  
THEY'RE  
LIKE THAT







EH...?

WELL THEN,  
ICHI-SAN,  
LET'S GO



NO RESPECT  
MEN WHO NO  
HELP LADY  
IN NEED  
BOUGHT  
ON SELF?

THAT MAN  
COMPLETE  
ASS!

THE JOURNALISTS THE NAME OF A FISHING TRIP?



.....

EVEN  
THAT GUY  
WILL BE  
ABLE TO  
FIND IT...

MY HOUSE,  
NEED  
JOURNAL-  
ISTS,  
VERY  
CLOSE,  
OK

YES SIR,  
UNDER-  
STOOD

SABU-  
KI-SAN,  
PLEASE  
GUARD  
ON WAY  
SIDE.

Well I  
suppose  
it's fine...





EVEN WITH  
THAT ELITE  
JOSHUA  
CLARKE-  
BURN IS CON-  
SIDERED  
ONE OF  
THE BEST  
SWISS-  
MEN.

YOU'RE  
TOO  
KIND.



WE'LL BE  
HERE TO  
PROVIDE  
PROtec-  
TION UNTIL  
THE JOP  
BOMBS  
STOP  
THROW-  
ING IT.

THE  
SHOGUNATE  
HAS SENT MEN  
FROM ITS  
ELITE MILITARY  
INSTITUTION.  
THEY  
WISHED TO  
KEEP ORDER.



HAHA...  
YOU  
FLATTER  
ME...



BARON-  
KUN ALSO  
VERY  
STRONG!



Oh  
Clara!  
My  
Wife!

\*THE JOP WAS THE MOVEMENT DURING THE BARONKUN PERIOD TO "EXPEL BARONKUN" FROM THE COUNTRY. IT IS ALSO PART OF THE COMPOSITION "JOP-JOP" THAT BECAME THE BALLY SLOGAN OF THE OFFICIAL ATTENTION "WOMEN THE OFFICIAL, DEPEND THE BARONKUN."

\*THE BARONKUN WAS A FACILITY ESTABLISHED LATE IN THE BARONKUN PERIOD OF THE SHOGUNATE TO TRAIN PEOPLE IN SWISS-ARMY, WESTERN MUSIC, AND FOLKLORE.



HE'S SO  
ECCEN-  
TRIC...

YOU'RE  
RIGHT

IF HE JUST  
STAYED IN  
FODORI-MA,  
HE'D BE  
ALSO  
SAFE...



HONER, YOU'RE  
RIGHT

I AM  
HONOR  
OURLING!



BECAUSE  
OF THE  
DOCTOR, I  
NOW HAVE A  
DIFFERENT  
IMAGE OF  
FODORI-  
MA

BUT DURING  
HIS OWN  
SAFETY TO  
HELP GUAR-  
DEEPE,  
WITH NO  
DANGER, HE  
IS A REALLY  
GREAT  
PERSON!



SOON-BAU,  
THIS ROOM  
YOU'RE



HANA

THE NEW ONE  
WAS-BAU,  
YOU'RE-BAU  
ALL THE TIME  
FODORI-MA  
WAS-BAU  
WAS-BAU  
WAS-BAU











*His  
complexion  
is purple.*

*His part,  
a pale  
yellow.*

*His soul  
is held  
captive in  
the miasma  
of endless  
night.*



[illegible]



YOU  
BOUNDED  
DEPRESSED,  
SO I  
THOUGHT.

THIS  
WOULD  
SUIT  
YOUR  
MOOD.

HMM.



IT IS  
CALLED  
"THE  
POURING  
RAIN"



I  
WONDER  
WHEE  
THE  
TOWN  
GUY IS.

SURELY  
HE DON'T  
GET  
LOSE  
DID HE?



WHAT A  
CHEERY  
SONG.

~~~~~



JINGXIN!

HEY!
WHAT
KIND OF
GOLD-
TOOTH
DO YOU
GIVE
HER?

YOU'RE
NOT
LOOKING
SURE!



Jin-gu-iu
~

AREN'T YOU
GOING TO
JIN-
GU-IU?

走れ



I AM SO DELIVERED I AM
SURE HOUSEKIN-SAN
WILL ALSO APPRECIATE
IT GREATLY FROM HIS
NEW PLACE IN HEAVEN.



LOOK
FORWARD
TO HAVING
YOU PLAY
TOMORROW.

FORGIVE US.
WE THANK-
FUL TO YOU,
ICH-SAN.



MY GOOD FRIEND,
HOUSEKIN, WILL BE
HONORED BY YOUR
PERFORMANCE.

HE WILL.



IT WAS SUCH
A TERRIBLE
INCIDENT. HE
LOVED THIS
COUNTRY SO
MUCH...



YES. I
DEALING
WAS I WAS
LISTENING TO
HER SONG
JUST NOW.

EVEN IN A
DIFFERENT LANGUAGE,
A SONG CAN TRANS-
FORM CULTURAL
BOUNDARIES AND
COMMUNICATE OUR
FEELINGS.

*THE STORY OF THE HOUSEKIN WAS A STORY OF A WOMAN WHOSE HEART WAS TAKEN BY THE MUSIC OF JAPAN. HE WAS ONE OF THE MOST ENTHUSIASTIC OF THE ENJOYERS, AND WAS OFTEN SEEN LISTENING TO THE MUSIC OF THE HOUSEKIN. HE WAS OFTEN SEEN LISTENING TO THE MUSIC OF THE HOUSEKIN.

THE HOUSEKIN WAS OFTEN SEEN LISTENING TO THE MUSIC OF THE HOUSEKIN.

How did she
know my
name?

But still...



DO I
THOUGHT
THIS WOULD
BUT HOW
GOOD

HOW
SOUND-
ED DE-
FERRED



What's
not
saying



AM I?!

WHERE
IN THE
WORLD...



SAVE
ME!!

ICHI~



THAT
THAT
ILLUSTRATION
DOCTOR
STICKING
ARE JUST
THIS!

"WE DON'T
HAVE
FOOD
FOR YOU!
GET OUT!
THEY SAID."



The sun rises
in the east and
sets in the
west...

I KNOW
THAT
MUCH...
BUT IT'S
NIGHT
TIME



FINALLY...

THE TIME
HAS
COME!



THIS WAS
THANKS
TO YOU
KURUMAI.

THANK
YOU.

OF
COURSE.



TOMORROW
BECAUSE OF SOME SORT
OF CHRISTIAN
HOLIDAY, THE
SUMMER AND
AFFENDANTS OF
FOREIGNERS
WILL BE
REMOVED.



THERE IS NO
REST FOR
THE HEROES
OF THE JOI
FACTION.

IT IS AS
YOU HAVE
HEARD!



LEAD
THE JOI TO
VICTORY,
KIYOKAWA-
SAH!

YEAH!



WE CAN NO
LONGER PUT
OUR FATE
IN THE HANDS
OF THE
INCOMPETENT
SHOGUNATE.

NOW IS
THE TIME
TO STRIKE!
WE WILL
SACRIFICE
OURSELVES
FOR OUR
COUNTRY!



KIYO-
KAWA-
SAH!



WE MUST
PROTECT
OUR-
SELVES!

DID HE
HEAR
US?!



WE
CAUGHT
A GUY
WANDERING
AROUND
OUTSIDE!

STAY
STILL!
DAMN
IT!



I'M A JOI
ADVOCATE
JUST LIKE
YOU!!

WAIT A
MOMENT!



IT-IT'S
NOT A
WB!

SURELY,
DON'T
CLEAN
THINGS
WITHOUT
EVIDENCE!



BUT EVEN
AFTER WE
KILLED HIM,
NOTHING
CHANGED!
FOUR-SIXES
FREQUENTLY
WALK OUR
STREETS!

I WILL
NOT
FORGIVE
THEM!

I WAS FURT OF
THAT IS, MR.
TAKI O JIN I
WAS ONE OF
THE GUYS WHO
TOOK PART IN THE
APPROXIMATELY 20%
OF IT HADGONE AT
THE HADGONE
GATE

TAKI HADGONE WAS THE THIRD, BEING IN POWER TO THE HADGONE GATE, DURING THE BEING OF THE HADGONE HADGONE
FAMILY HE WAS PLANNED BY THE HADGONE GATE AS WELL AS JOI ADVOCATE FOR DURING JAPANESE HADGONE POWER IS, AND WAS
BUTCHERED IN HIS RESPONSE TO SUCH THINGS, FURTHER THE HADGONE OF OFFICIALS HE DEPEND HADGONE, CARRYING EIGHT, AND
FORWARD ANOTHER 100 FROM OFFICE. HE WAS ASSASSINATED IN 1880 BY 17-18 AND 18-19 JAPANESE





After saying
all that stuff...

What do
I do now?!



REFUSING OF THE
JAN PROTESTED
THE GOVERNMENT
IN AN ATTEMPT
FOR THE JAPANESE
ARREST

ATTENDING AND
BARRICADE FOR THE
A FORMER JAPANESE
GOVERNMENT OF
AND THE JAPANESE
I HAVE BE UNDER
THE PROTEST
JAPANESE
JAPANESE



Not only
were the
economic
changes
immense, but
Edo at the
time was
assailed by
influenza

foreign powers
had seized the
opportunity
presented by
Commodore
Perry's black
ships to lift the
ban on trade
and arrange
unequal
treaties

At
that
time,





Due to these hardships, the Shogunate had little chance but to negotiate with foreign envoys, trying to open up Japan.

In addition to the shadows rampaging through the ship, Tokyo was to experience an earthquake and a series of poor harvests.

Those who suffered most, were the lower-class samurai who depended on their government stipends for food and clothing.



"Imagination"

I won't
forgive
you

Hehehe!

Whaaa



SURELY
I TRY TO
MAKE A
BRAIN POP
IT WHEN
THEY AREN'T
LOOKING!

HEHE,
NO SURPRISES
NOT WHEN
I'M THIS
ALREADY!



In response to the Shogunate's actions, many hoped to see the Emperor present an alternative government and while pressing for his support, they also sought to cope the foreigners. Thus Seime for doctrine spread quickly.

The Shogunate followed a policy of harsh suppression of the Jai disorders, and made a great effort to protect its foreign residents from assault or assassination.







I DON'T
THINK MANY
PEOPLE
KNOW OF JOE
BUT HE
WAS REALLY
A GOOD
PERSON.
THE
PROSECUTOR
CONSIDERED
THEY WERE
NO DIFFERENT
FROM THE
PROSECUTOR
AS MUCH AS
THE PROSECUTOR
HIMSELF.

BUT EVEN
SINCE THOSE
SAD DAYS
THAT WAY
BETTER
ON THE
SIDE OF
THE
COUNTRY
HIS
DREAM IN
CHILDHOOD



MY DREAM
WAS TO
OPEN A
SCHOOL. I
WOULD HAVE
PURSUED
THAT DREAM
IF THE WORLD
WAS IN
PEACE.



IT'S AS YOU
SAID THE
PROSECUTOR
WILL NOT
CHANGE AS
LONG AS
THERE ARE
DISSENTING
OPINIONS
ABOUT
HIM.



YES...?



WE'RE
WORKING
TOWARDS A
LIGHT FUTURE.
WE'RE NO
DIFFERENT
FROM THE
OTHER
DISSENTING
THAT WERE
TOWARDS
PROSECUTOR
HIMSELF.

BUT IN THE
END, THE
PROSECUTOR
DON'T
SOMETHING
WITH WHICH
WE CAN
CONTINUE



BUT IF THIS
CONTINUES,
OUR
COUNTRY'S
FUTURE IS
INEVITABLE.



??



WHAT? NO
THE COURT
WE DON'T
WANT OUR
COUNTRY
TO
BECOME
ANOTHER
CHINA.

DESPITE
THIS, WE
HAVE TO
CONTINUE
FIGHTING.



THE
EUROPEANS
WERE THE FIRST
COUNTRIES THAT ACCE-
DED TO CHINA
FOR THEIR RIGHT
A DOLLAR THAT
OBTAINS THE
HUMAN BODY
WILL ENJOY-
ING ITS LIFE
WITH ITS
ADDICTIVE
NATURE...

THE
OPPIUM WAS
ONLY
PEOPLES
COULD
CAUSE SUCH
A TRAGEDY

THEM, WHEN
THE ANTI-OP-
TIONED CHINESE
AUTHORITIES
TOOK TO
REFUSE FOR-
THESE CHINESE
TODAY, THEY
RESORTED TO
MILITARY FORCE
TO SUPPRESS
RESISTANCE AND
SPILL THEIR
BLOOD AND
DURTY

NOW EACH
FOREIGN
POWER
CARVED ITS
OWN COLONY
FROM THE
DEMAND OF
THE CHINESE
EMPEROR. IT IS
A COUNTRY IN
NAME ONLY



Open...



EVEN IF
WE MUST RESORT
TO SMALL
OR DIRTY
ACTS...

IF WE MANAGE
TO MAKE UP THE
SHORTFALLS,
OUR DUTY AS
FUEL TO FIGHT
THE PLANS OF
JOEL WILL
BE WORTH IT.



THEY DON'T
CONSIDER US
HUMANS. ONLY
WILD ANIMALS
TO BE TAMED
AND BROKEN.

WE HAVE
NO FUTURE
UNLESS WE
SHOW THEM
OUR HUMAN
WILL AND
STRENGTH.



I
DARE...

TO SULLY
MY NAME
WITH THE
MURDER OF
FOREIGNERS.



WE WILL
BECOME A
FISH TO CATCH
THEM AND TO
PROTECT OUR
NATION!

WOULD
EVER IT
TAKE!

SO THAT THEY
NEVER WISH
TO SHOW
THEMSELVES
IN JAPAN
AGAIN.



THAT IS
MY JOB!

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Chapter 2 The Patriot (2)









SORRY
BUT
BANK'S
BYEN
OPPE-
LUT



AND
DON'T
DEACT
AT
ALL TO
THE
LIFE
AND
HAS
CON-
PLATELY
LOST
ONE
SIDE...



.....



!



DON'T LOSE
HOPE THE
FIELD OF
CRYSTAL-
MAGNETRY IS
ALWAYS IM-
PROVING.



=



I
THOUGHT
SO.



IT'S
FINE...



WHAT ISHII'S
DREAM?

THAT
DREAM? HOPE!



HOPE...?



SORRY... I
DON'T HAVE
ONE...



10:10



...DON'T
HAVE
ONE...?



I NEVER
THOUGHT
ABOUT IT...

ISN'T
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT
UNNECESSARY
FOR A BLIND
PERSON
LIKE ME?





REMEMBERING



KNOW WELL
HOW MUCH WE
WESTERNERS
HATED HERE...

BUT KNOW
THIS BECAUSE
OF LACK OF
COMMUN-
ICATION, LACK
OF MUTUAL
UNDER-
STANDING.



NOT LONG
AGO, GOOD
FRIEND
HOLDING
ARMED.





THAT WAY,
NOT ONLY
SPREAD
MEDICAL
KNOWLEDGE,
ALSO TEACH
CHRIST'S
LOVE!

THAT WAY,
GIVE HOPE
TO
PEOPLE.



THAT WHY I
WANT TO SAY
MANY WORDS
AND CREATE
DICTIONARY.



TO PEOPLE
LIKE YOU,
ICHI-SAN?





IT FINE.

JINGXU!



HEAVENLY
FATHER,

IS IT TRUE
THAT EVEN IF
WE CAN COMPRE-
HEND, HE
WILL NOT NECESSARILY UNDER-
STAND?

*Even if that is
true... I still want...*



KYAAAH!

CLARA!

SENSEI!





WAAA
AH!

DAMN
YOU....!

JINGXIU!





ICHI-SAN... !!



MY NAME IS SOR



WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!



THE FURAN, FURAN, FURAN

!!



DEATH TO THE BARBARIANS!





ZATOUICHL

ALSO
KNOWN
AS



UR-
RAAAA
AA!

WHAT
THE
HECK?!
WHO IS
THIS?!

THIRD
OF
TIER...

ズ
ッ
ッ



AND
NOW...

I
SUPPOSE
THERE
ARE
THREE...

REMAIN-
ING?





I MISSED YOU SO MUCH!



KILL THAT WOMAN!

YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!



.....



EHP?



I TOLD
YOU SO,
KYOGAKU-
SAN! YOU
SHOULDN'T
HAVE
TRUSTED
THIS GUY!

YOU
BASTARD!
(HOW
YOUR
FACE!)



WILL YOU
AT LEAST
TELL ME
WHY,
TOMURA-
KUN?



THAT
SHOULD
BE MY
QUESTION,
KYOGAKU-
SAN!



HMM...
SORRY.

FIND
SOME-
ONE
ELSE.

!!



IS THIS
YOUR JOE?

!!

DISCRIMINATE
KILLERS OF
WOMEN AND
CHILDREN?



DON'T YOU
THINK YOU'RE
TARNISHING
YOUR NOBLE
JOE
BELIEFS?

IF THAT'S
WHAT IT IS,
I DON'T
SEE HOW
IT'S ANY
BETTER
THAN THE
BARBAR-
IANS.



WAIT!



LET
ME
GUT
HIM!

YOU
DARE
RIDICULE
US!



WHAT ARE
YOU SAYING,
EUYOLAWA?
CAN'T OUR
OPPONENTS
ARE ONLY
A SINGLE
GORE-SAN
AND-I

LOOK
AROUND
YOU!



WE WILL
DELAY THE
OPERATION



ALL THE
MORE
REASON.
WE MUST
AVENGE
OUR
COMRADES'
DEATHS.

LEAVE THIS
PLACE AND
WAIT FOR A
CHANCE TO
REDEEM OUR
JOY!



JUST
GO!



I'M
IMPRESSED.
DESPITE THE
FACT YOU HUNG
AND HAD A
WOMAN'S
BODY. YOUR
SWORDS—
WARRIOR IS
LULLING.

YOU SAID
YOUR
NAME WAS
ZATOICHO, DIDN'T
YOU?



WHAT DO
YOU SAY?
WOULDN'T
YOU JOIN
MY JOB?

IF WE DON'T
CHASE AWAY
THE BARBARIANS,
THIS
COUNTRY
WILL BE DE-
STROYED.



REMEMBER...

YOU
SHOULD NOT
HAVE ANY
REASON TO
SIDE WITH
THE FOR-
SIGNED.

HE
WAS...

...KIND
TO ME...

.....





I WILL
AVENGE MY
FALLEN
COMRADES!

IN THAT
CASE, I
TOO WILL
FOLLOW
MY DUTY.

*She is
very fast.*

*I
cannot
under-
esti-
mate
her be-
cause
she is
blind.*

*There
are
no
other
ways.*



...in one
swing...



SORRY
ABOUT
THAT,
ICHI

!!

Hee

I TOO
HAVE A
DEBT TO
REPAY.

Hee









I AM
DOCTOR

BECAUSE



QUICKLY,
STOP
BLOOD.

WOUND,
SHALLOW



NOO
OO!



UGH!



Haa

Haa

UGH...
AH...



UGH...
NO!



*Follow your
beliefs.
Please live
your life
as you
deserve.*



Some
of our
members
were
caught!

Includ-
ing your
brother
and wife,
Oren-san.

Damn these
Shogunate
dogs! Using
cheap tricks like
family complicity
to incite us
there!

*My dear
comrades...*

**UAAA
AAA
HHH!**





I VERY
GRATEFUL.

THANKS
FOR EV-
ERYTHING

SOH-
SAN

THEY'RE ALL THE SAME

REMEMBERING

NO...
DON'T
KNOW
HIM...

AMONG THE
PEOPLE YOU
TALKED,
WAS THERE
A GUND
DANGER?

HEY,
GUNDOL

DIRTY...
THINGS

HE
LOOKS
LIKE ME...

AH!
ICHI-
GAN!

LET'S
GET
GOING,
ICHI-
GAN!

WELL
THANKS
FOR ALL
THE
TRAVEL
TODAY
TO...

RECEIVED



*What I really
want to ask is
that you lay
down your
sword.*

GO
PLEASE,
COME
WENT AND
AGAIN
GOING-
TIME.



I WILL
DEFINITELY
FLIP OUT
SOON,
SO

AT THAT
TIME,
PLEASE,
TELL ME
YOUR
DREAM.





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Chapter 3:
The Twisted Soul (I)





YOU
BASTARD!
DON'T
THINK I'LL
LET YOU
OFF EASY
FOR THIS!



WHAT THE
FUCK DO YOU
THINK YOU'RE
DOING, ABAN-
DONING YOUR
ASSIGNMENT
PARTWAY
THROUGHT!

THE ADVICE CURRENTLY OF THAT TIME



GIVE ME
A BETTER
JOB THIS
TIME...

IT'S
NOT
WORTH
IT...

I WAS
ONLY PAID
2000 WON*
PER DAY
FOR HARD
WORK UNDER SUCH
A SLAVE
OWNER...

BE
REASON-
ABLE.



WE HAVE
A REPU-
TATION
TO MAIN-
TAIN.

FUCK
OFF!

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT!

I DON'T
HAVE
ANY JOB
REQUESTS
FOR A
WARRIOR
COMMAND
LIKE YOU



TOUMA!

WHAT
A SUR-
PRISE!

IF IT
ISN'T
ICHI-GAN
AND...



TOH, AS IF
I'D TAKE
THEM!
GIVING
A GREAT
MAN LIKE
ME WORKER
LIBERTY







KENKICH-
OYAJI!

THIS IS A
JOB THAT
I CAN ONLY
ENLIGHTEN
TO YOU!

I GREATLY
ADMIRE
YOUR MARI-
TIAL ARTS
PROWESS.



YES,
SIR!

GO! DO
YOUR
BEST! I'M
COUNTING
ON YOU!



IF IT'S A
SWORD
INSTRUCTOR
YOU NEED,
THEN LOOK
NO FURTHER!
LEAVE THIS
ONE TO ME,
OYAJI!



HE'LL BE
COMPLETELY
LOST
WITHOUT
YOU

YOUR
KARAKICH!



SO...

YES,
SIR!

ARE YOU SURE
YOU WANT TO
DO THIS?

LEAD HIM
TO THE
TAKAHASHI
DOJO.



THE
NEXT JOB
PLEASE...



IF IT'S YOU,
DOKU-SAN,
I'M SURE THE
BOSS WILL
SUPPORT
YOU, EVEN
WITHOUT
YOU DOING
JOBS...



OF
COURSE.



IN THAT
CASE, THE
ISSUE THIS
TIME IS...



MY DEEPEST
THANKS FOR
THE TROUBLE
YOU TOOK IN
COMING HERE.

YOU MAY
CALL ME
BENZOON.
I AM A
TEMPORARY
CONSTABLE
WITH THE SGO
POLICE.

I AM SURE YOU
HAVE HEARD THE
DETAILS FROM
KENNETH OF THE
INTERDEPARTMENT
OFFICE, BUT I
SHOULD INFORM
YOU ONCE
AGAIN.



YOROSOU!

YES!



THERE IS
CURRENTLY A
CRIMINAL IN THE
NEIGHBOURHOOD
WHO USED HIS
SWORD ON A
BLIND WOMAN.





THIS TIME, HOWEVER, THE
ASSISTANT'S OFFICE IS
DETERMINED TO
SALVAGE ITS
REPUTATION,
AND CLOSE
THE CASE.

BASED ON OUR
INFORMATION, WE
WERE ALREADY
INFORMED DOWN
THE DISTRICT IN
WHICH THIS MAN
OPERATES, BUT...



THE TRUTH IS,
THERE WAS
ANOTHER
INCIDENT LIKE
THIS 50 YEARS
AGO WHERE A
FEW CRYPLES
AND BLIND
WOMEN WERE
MURDERED IN
THIS WAY.



BUT IN THE
END, THE
POLICE WERE
UNABLE TO
CATCH THE
CULPRIT, AND
THE CASE WAS
NEVER SOLVED.



WE
NEEDED
THE RIGHT
PERSON TO
ACT
AS BAIT.

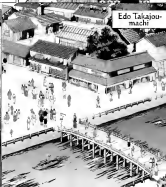


...AND SO,
WE FILED A
REQUEST TO
AD REMAIN
FROM THE
INTERMEDIARY
OFFICE.

I AM
FOR YOUR
COOPERATION,
AND LOOK
FORWARD
TO WORKING
WITH YOU.

I WILL FOLLOW
YOU CLOSELY
FROM THE
SHADOWS OF THE
DICE GAMBLERS,
AND PROTECT
YOU WITH MY
OWN LIFE.

I APOLOGIZE
FOR BRINGING
YOU INTO THIS
MURDER. THERE
IS NO EXCUSE
FOR NEEDING
THE HELP OF
AN OUTSIDER.



Edo Takajou-
machi



GET
ON
YOUR
FEET!

WHAT'S WITH
ALL THIS
SLEEPING
AND
DODGING?
HOW ARE WE
SUPPOSED TO
PRACTICE IF
WE CAN'T GET
A HIT IN?



NO ONE SAID
ANYTHING
ABOUT ME
BEING THE
BACK UP A
FEAR DODGE!

THAT OLD
MAN! HE
TRICKED
ME!

ARE
YOU AL-
RIGHT?

ざわっ

!

Yes, yes!
Thank
you for
caring!





I WAS IN YOUR
CARE FOR A
LONG TIME.



WOULDN'T YOU
JOIN ME FOR
ONE LAST
ROUND?

KORHARA,
HOLD ON.



IT WOULD
NOT BE RIGHT
TO CHALLENGE
YOU WHILE YOUR
MASTED IS
AWAY

YOU HONOUR
ME WITH YOUR
PROPOSAL, BUT
AS YOU KNOW,
I'M ALREADY
AN OUTSIDER
TO THE ROAD







WE'RE
REALLY
DOING
THIS?

IT IS SAID
THAT FOR A
SWORDSMAN TO
STAND UP TO A
SPEAR LINE IN
SINGLE COMBAT,
THE SWORDSMAN
NEEDS TO BE
THREE TIMES AS
SKILLED



AND
THAT
GUY...



LOOK
CAREFULLY.

THAT'S THE
SPEAR TECHNIQUE
SAID TO BE A RIVAL
TO THE SWORD TECH-
NIQUES OF THE
PREVIOUS MASTER
WHO HAD DIED A
PREMATURE DEATH.



Watch! Watch!
Feet!

!

HE
DODGED!

!!

アッ



UGH
BAAH!



INHU-
MAN!







THIS REMINDS
ME OF OLD
TIMES...

WE WILL
SEND YOU
OFF.



WE WERE
HAVE
CHILDREN
BACK THEN.

BACK THEN, WE
ALSO USED TO
SPEAK WITHOUT
ANY FORMALITIES
OR CONCERNS
FOR RANK.



HE WOULD BE
A FORTHCOMING
OPPONENT.

HE INTENDED
TO BE HIT, BUT
WAS ACTUALLY
FENDING IT AND
DEFEATING
QUICKLY.

BY THE
WAY... THAT
MAN...



I WASTED
SUCH A
GREAT
OPPORTU-
NITY!



I SHOULDN'T
HAVE HELD
BACK!



SO I HOPE
YOU LEAVE
WITH NO
REGRETS.

WITH YOUR
STRENGTH AND
SKILL, YOU'LL
NO DOUBT
FIND A GOOD
POSITION
SOON.

I'M SURE
YOU'RE
UNSATISFIED
WITH MANY
THINGS, BUT
THIS IS WHAT
THE MASTER
DECIDED.

.....

HONORABLE-
DOMES



I THANK
YOU FOR
YOUR CONSI-
DERATION
TODAY.

I AM TRULY
GRATEFUL THAT
YOU ALLOWED
ME ONE LAST
CHANCE TO
SWING THIS
SWORD HERE.



PLEASE PUT MY
MIND AT EASE,
AND LEAD THE
DOJO INTO A
PERIOD OF
PROSPERITY.



UNFORTU-
NATELY, IT
SEEMS IT
WASNT IN
THE CARDS
FOR ME.



JUST AS
THE ALARMS
RINGED,
I THINK THAT
KOSORAWA-
DONO HAS
THE RIGHT
QUALITIES TO
BE THE NEXT
HEAD OF THE
SCHOOL.

YOU NOW
HOLD A
POSITION
OF GREAT
RESPON-
SIBILITY.



*As if
I care
about
chai!*



SHH!
DON'T
BE
SLAY!

KICHARA IS
THE ONLY ONE
WORTHY OF
BECOMING
THE NEW
HEAD!



I WILL
NOT
ACCEPT
THIS!



WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
DOING?!

GET
BACK TO
YOUR
DRILLS!

HEAVY
ALL OF A
SUDDEN !?

WHY
IS THE
ATMOSPHERE...





IT IS ALREADY
THE THIRD DAY.
DON'T IT?



YES...

IT CAN'T
BE HELPED...

WE WERE
GOING
OURSELVES
TO THINK IT
WOULD END
SO EASILY...

Wandering
around at
night in this
period was
extremely
foolish and
dangerous.

At that time,
Edo did not
yet have
street lamps.
Night
enveloped
the city in
complete
darkness.

...EVEN THOUGH
AT THIS TIME,
WITHOUT
LANTERNS,
WE CAN'T SEE
ANYTHING.

Moreover,
when night
fell, the
wooden gates
that separated
each district
were locked,
and people
stayed inside
all night.



!?

YONEDOU
WAIT HERE.







THAT
BASTARD!

MASTER
SAWA-
JIMA!







LADY TAKAO
WILL MAKE A TRULY
DEVOTED WIFE, WON'T
SHE?

YES, OF
COURSE.

WHEN YOSHITSUGU
LEAVES, THE
BUTLER ROOM
AND MEID
TAKED OVER
THE HOUSE.
ESPECIALLY HER
LATE
HUSBAND
WILL ALSO
GO IN
VEHICLE.



OLDER
COUNTRY-
EP.

NASATSUGU!

!



I CAN
HARDLY
WAIT TO
SEE MY
GRAND-
CHILDREN



SO YOU
LEFT THE
DOJO...

WE SHOULD
CONSIDER
KAYING YOU
DOWN INTO
A MEDICINE
PAIL FROM
NOW ON.

NO!

I SUPPOSE
IN THE END,
ALL THAT
COUNTS
ARE FAMILY
CONNECTIONS...

I ALSO HEAR
THEY EVEN
TURNED YOU
DOWN FOR A
POSITION AS
INSTRUCTOR...

I UNDER-
STAND,
OLDER
BROTHER

I'M INCLINED
TO AGREE, BUT
YOU MUST
UNDERSTAND,
I HAVE NO WAY
OF SUPPORTING
YOU ALONE
WITH MY
HOUSEHOLD
STARTING NOW...

I WILL
LEAVE
WITHIN THE
NEXT FEW
DAYS.

I AM
PART OF A
SHARED
FAMILY

I HUMBLY
APOLOGIZE,
BUT I MUST
TURN DOWN
YOUR KIND
OFFER.

I WOULD
LIKE TO LIVE
MY LIFE AS
A WARRIOR
UNDER THE
TERASAWA AS
YOU AND OUR
LATE FATHER
EXPECTED OF ME.

I THANK
YOU FOR
ALL THE
KNOWLEDGE
YOU HAVE
SHOWN ME







NEVER TRY
TO RISE ABOVE
YOUR STATION
IN LIFE.

INSOLENT
BLAST! THEY
SHOULD'NT
DARE COME
AROUND

AT ALL
COSTS,
UNDER-
STAND...

ゴゴゴ
ゴゴ...

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Chapter 3:
The Twisted Soul (2)





TO THINK
THAT EVEN
KAKURO
WOULD GET
HURT...

AL-
THOUGH HE ONLY
MAINTAINED
LIGHT
BRAIN-
DUMB...



WE FOUND
YET ANOTHER
COUPLE OF
A BLIND LADY
THIS MORN-
ING...



WE CANNOT
ACT RASHLY
IN THIS
SITUATION.

JUDGING
FROM HIS
ABILITIES, THE
CRIMINAL IS
DEFINITELY
FROM A
SAMURAI
FAMILY.

WE HAD
ACKNOWLEDGED
THE
POSSIBILITY
HE MIGHT GET
INJURED...
BUT...







...SO, THAT IS
THE PLAN.
DON'T TAKE
YOUR EYES
OFF THAT
GHOST, UN-
DERSTAND?



I CAN'T
AFFORD ANY
MORE CASUALTIES.

ESPECIALLY
SINCE THAT
GHOST IS ACTING
AS THE BAIT. IF
ANYTHING WERE
TO HAPPEN TO
HER, MASTER
SABUJIJI WOULD BE
FURIOUS...

SHE SAID
AN ESCORT
WAS UN-
NECESSARY
BUT,



UNDER-
STOOD.



THE CRIM-
INAL SHOULD
BE TAKEN
ALIVE...

WHATEVER
YOU DO,
DON'T MESS
THIS UP.





IT CAN'T BE
HELPED. EVEN
THOUGH HE'S
ONLY THE THIRD
SON, THE HO-
SOKAWA
FAMILY HAS
MUCH MORE
POWER WITHIN
THE SHOGU-
NATE.

WHAT?
ISN'T
KIRIHARA-
DONO
MUCH
BETTER
THAN
HIM?

I HEREBY
DECLARE
HOSOKAWA
GEANOJOU
THE NEXT
DOJO
HEAD!

THIS DOJO
HIGHLY VALUES
CEREMONIES
AND LINEAGE.
IT IS NOT
SOMETHING
WE HAVE A
SAY IN.

STILL,
HOSOKAWA-
DONO'S
FATHER
SEEMS TO
HAVE BEEN
INVOLVED WITH
THIS. I DON'T
APPROVE OF
THESE SHADY
METHODS...





In the end...

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN MY COMPANY TONIGHT, SIR?

This is my life

I'LL GIVE YOU A SPECIAL DISCOUNT,

AND EASE YOUR WORRIES WITH COMFORT.









*How...
did she do
that?!*

WHO...
ARE
YOU?

DAWN

ONLY
SAMURAI
ARE AL-
LOWED
TO CARRY
SWORDS!

A FUCKING
CRIPPLE
PRETEND-
ING TO BE
A NOBLE?!



WHY DOES AN
ASSASSINATION
LIKE YOU GET TO
LIVE PEACEFULLY,
WHILE A SAMURAI
LIKE ME HAS TO
ENDURE ALL THIS
MISFORTUNE?!



KNOW YOUR PLACE!
KNOW YOUR
PLACE! KNOW
YOUR PLACE!!
KNOW YOUR
PLACE!!!



IF PEOPLE
STEP BEYOND
THEIR ABILITY
OR STATUS,
THE WORLD'S
ORDER WILL
BE IN CHAOS!





ONLY
THE BLIND
COULD
HAVE SUCH
GRUDENCE.

A BLIND
WHO'D
USE YOU
DARES TO
STAND UP
TO A
SARABITU



THE ONLY TIME
I COULD FIND
RELIEF FROM
MY DESTINY
AS THE
SECOND SON
OF A SAMURAI
HOUSEHOLD
WAS BY
LOSING
MYSELF IN
TRAINING



...DO YOU
KNOW HOW
MUCH I LOVED
THE WAY OF
THE SWORD?



I MUST NOT
OVERSTEP
THE BOUND-
ARIES OF MY
LIFE.

BUT I WILL
NO LONGER
FOLLOW THE
SWORD.

SO LET
ME TEACH
YOU.

IT SEEMS
YOU DO NOT
UNDERSTAND
YOUR PLACE.

*There
the only
place for
those
who don't
know
their
value*

*should
be...*

DO
YOU
HAVE...



ANY
LAST
WORDS

TO
SAY?



EEK!





Ugh... Ngh!

THIS
ISN'T
WHAT
WE
AR-
RANGED!

WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
?!



YOU...
YOU.

GAA
AAA
AAA
HHH!

HA...
HA...

WHY DID
YOU
STOP
ME?

IT IS
MY...

JOB.



YOUR SPREAD
IS ALREADY
BROKEN AND
YOUR PATH
LOST.

WELL...



YOUR
"WAY
OF THE
SAMURAI"
IS NOTHING
BUT SHIT



WHAT
WAS
THAT
ABOUT?





DID YOU
GET HIM,
TOSHI?



I'M BACK,
KOMODORI-
CHAN!

Y/N Kondo (also was the commander of the Shinsengumi, the shogunate's police force in the late Edo period. Kondo was also Toshiro's personal friend and mentor)

Tokiyuki Rikudou was the vice-commander of the Shinsengumi. He grew up as the shogun's calling card. He is known to have been brutal and cruel towards all others but close family and friends. However, he later returned and was partly responsible for developing the Shinsengumi's fighting style instead of the Tenmei Rikudo-style



I
DIDN'T
KILL
HIM.

SERIOUSLY
DECIDING
ME TO KILL
SOME LOWLY
ALLY
PERSONAL
JUST TO TEST MY
ABILITIES...



I DID FIND
SOMEONE
INTERESTING—
NOT
THOUGH.



SO...LIFT?

天竺理心流
試衛館
Mendōryū
Tenshi Rishinryūryūdo



THINGS ARE
ABOUT TO
GET MORE
FUN AROUND
HERE.

THE ENTIRE
COUNTRY
COULDN'T
MESS UP
BECAUSE OF
THIS ONE!



IDIOT!
DON'T SPREAD
SUCH RUMORS
AROUND
LIKE THAT...

YOU HEAR
THAT STORY
ABOUT THE
KORHADA
FAMILY
BEING DIS-
CONTINUED?



DID YOU
HEAR WHAT
HAPPENED
TO KIRI-
HARA?

WAS
ABLE TO
DISTANCE
HIMSELF
FROM THE
AFFAIR.

IT SEEMS
THAT OUR
TEACHER, A
MEMBER OF
ONE OF THE
SHOGUNATE'S
DETAINED
FAMILIES,

TO THINK
THAT HE
WOULD DO
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT...



BUT DOESN'T
HE HAVE 10
DAYS BEFORE
LEAVING THE
DOJO'S
PROTECTION?



... OF
COURSE,
KIRIHARA
HAS
ALREADY
BEEN
EXPELLED
FROM THE
DOJO.



A COUPLE
HUGGED
FROM OUR
DOJO!

BUT
REALLY!
TO THINK
THAT
KIRIHARA
WOULD DO
THAT...!

ALTHOUGH I
FEEL SORRY
FOR HIM, WE
CAN'T HAVE
THAT.

AND JUST
WHEN THE
HEADMASTER
WAS AWAY
TOO!

.....



MY JOB
IS DONE. I
DON'T THINK
I FORGOT
ANYTHING,
DO I?

WELL...

HA-
HA-
HA-
HAHA!



THIS IS
JUST MY
LUCK,
RIGHT? I
DON'T HAVE
TO BE CON-
SIDERED TO
THAT CREEP
ANYMORE!

I HARDLY
WANTED TO
BE THE NEXT
DOJO HEAD
WITH A BOD-
DY-TALKING
BEHIND MY
BACK.



BUT NOW,
I WON'T BE
SOON AS SOME
SPOILED BRAT
WHOSE FATHER
CARVED OUT
HIS LIFE FOR
HIM.







NO DOLL... IT
SEEMS HIS
HANDS WERE
CUT OFF WHEN
HE WAS
CAPTURED.

WHAT'S
THIS?
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO HIM?

DOESN'T
MATTER.
SEND HIM
TO THE
HEADMAN'S
BLOCK.

Those
who
don't
respect
their
place in
life...

...must pay...
Don't ever
step beyond
your means
or status.

YES!

by the world's
order.

...will be
crushed

YO! I'M
BACK!



88. ohm, ohm





WHAT SHE SAID, EXACTLY

...WELL, YOU
AREN'T
EXACTLY
GOOD AT
JOBS
THAT
REQUIRE
TENDERS...



REMEMBERING

That's
too not
true...
Ichirō



THAT WAS
REALLY
UNFAIR,
DYLAN!

HOW
DARE
YOU...!!
GREGORY!

HOW
UNFORTU-
NATELY, I
WON'T
DO THIS
DURRY
PROJECT
AGAIN...



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Chapter 5: Tennen Rishin-ryuu



Boschu
Province,
Hino post
town



Illustration note: This post town was reconstructed in the city of Hino in the Tokyo Prefecture.



ARE YOU
SAYING THAT
I WON'T BE
ALLOWED TO
RAISE MY BANG
FEEL?

YOU
EXPECT
ME TO JUST
CLOSE MY
BANGLING
DENS?

The mayor of
Hino post
town, Satoru
Hirayama's
residence





THE HINO
POST TOWN
WILL NOW
BE DIRECTLY
UNDER OUR
JURISDI-
CTION.

THAT IS
CORRECT,
SIR.



HOW
CAN YOU
EXPLAIN THE
VIOLENCE
THAT HAS
ERUPTED
AND GROWN
UNDER YOUR
LEADERSHIP?



PLEASE,
LET'S JUST
TALK ABOUT
THIS, HINO-
SOKUN.

I HAVE
BEEN IN
CHARGE HERE
FOR MANY
YEARS, AND
HAVE ALWAYS
PROTECTED
THIS TOWN IN
YOUR STEAD.
YOU CAN'T
JUST —



!!

WHAT DID
YOU JUST
SAY?! BAS-
TARD!



I HAVE ALSO
BEEN TOLD
THAT YOUR
DAME HAS
NOT BEEN
DOING SO
WELL RE-
CENTLY,
SIR...

-EH?!



WILL YOU
NOT BACK
OFF NOW-
OWEARLY
THIS TIME?



HONOU-
ABLY? LIKE
THIS BODY-
SALAD YOU
BROUGHT TO
THE MEET-
ING?



THE WORLD
IS FALLING
INTO DIS-
ORDER. WE
MUST TAKE
MEASURES
TO PREVENT
THE UNGOOD
AMONG THE
POPULA-
TION.



YES... I
DO KNOW
ABOUT HIM.
I HEARD HE
WAS AN
UNPSETTLE
PERSON.

HE IS
THE RISE
TO THE TEN-
SEN RISE-
SEN STYLE
OF SWORDS-
MAKING.
KONDO
TRASH-
DONO

HE IS
NOT A
BODY-
GUARD.



MAYBE MY
WIFE, I
WILL NOT LET
YOU suc-
CEED.

WELL THEN,
PERHAPS
YOU WOULD
LIKE TO
ASSIST MY
OWN BODY-
GUARD. HE
MIGHT NOT
BE AS BAD
AS YOU
THINK.

I WILL NOT
OVERLOOK
YOUR IN-
SULTS.

TAKE YOUR
NEGOTIA-
TIONS ELSE-
WHERE.



THE CHARACTER, CALLED KONOBU, IN HIS EARLY DAYS, WAS MORE OF A FUGITIVE, RATHER THAN A FUGITIVE. THE
SETTING OF THIS CHAPTER, LATER, HE WOULD BE ADAPTED TO A MORE SERIOUS, THE HEART OF THE CHARACTER AND STYLE.

**GUAA
AAH!**



**HEY
AAA
AH!**



**DOR
YAA
AH!**

**DAMN
UPSTART
PEAS-
ANTS!**





... I AM
SORRY IT
TURNED
OUT LIKE
THIS



WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT? WE
CAME HERE
TO PROTECT
YOUR HOME.
JUST AS WE
PLANNED.



I AM
EXTREMELY
DISAPPOINTED
BECAUSE THIS
WILL GIVE US
TRAINING FOR
REAL COM-
BAT.



TO
TELL YOU
THE TRUTH, I
FEEL INDULGED
TO YOU, HIROSHI-
BOU-SAN, FOR
GIVING US THIS
CHANCE.



SO I
COULD
ONLY
BRIEF ONE
MASTER
SHOJOU-
SAN, AND
HE IS A BIT
WILD...

HOWEVER,
THE
SITUA-
TION IS
TIGHT.

THE MAIN
DOJO
REQUIRES
COM-
BAT
MASTERS.



THANK
YOU FOR
YOUR
GRATI-
TITUDE.

AS I
HERE DOJO
MASTERS, I DO
NOT HAVE THE
MEANS TO SUP-
PORT ALL THE
PUPILS-
CHILD.

HE
SHOULD
GET SOME
EXPERI-
ENCE

HE HAS
BEEN IM-
PROVING
QUITE A BIT
LATELY

HA
HAHA
HAHA
HA!!!

ISN'T
HE
CUTE,
KON-
DOU-
SAN ?

I AM ONLY
A MERE
PEASANT OF
TAMA, BUT I
WOULD DO
ANYTHING TO
BECOME A
SAMURAI LIKE
KONDOU-
SENSEI!

P-
PLEASE!
KONDOU-
SENSEI!!

Furthermore, although it was originally only owned by samurai, the Shogun's office has recently started to employ peasants

Even after 300 years, peasants who received the special treatment of lower taxes and more protection, continue to show their gratitude.

The land of Tama was the center of Baku. When Tokugawa Iyeyasu came to power, he put it directly under his jurisdiction.

SHOGUN
OFFICE





THAT
THING ABOUT
FIGHTING
OUT THE
FEELING
OF THE DICH
BASED ON ITS
SOUND...OR
WHATEVER IT
WAS...

Hey! Ichii
You're good at
this, aren't
you?



All my
earnings...
gone...



Help
me!

PLEASE...
SAY
YOU'LL
DO IT...



**NO
WAY!**

EMPI



Exactly! I still shiver when I think about the last time we let her play. The boss got so mad, I thought he would cut my pinky finger off...

IF YOU BRING ICHINEESAN INTO THIS, WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE!



YEAH! NOW DARE THEY COME FRANCHISING INTO OUR CITY AND ACT LIKE THEY OWN THE PLACE!

HEHEHE! WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU SHOW THOSE THICKEN BASTARDS WHAT WE'RE MADE OF!



YOU...



I CALLED SOMEONE OVER JUST TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS.

DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID!

SIR...

THE BOSS TOLD ME HE DOESN'T WANT ANY TROUBLE FROM FIGHTS WITH PEOPLE FROM THE GANGS.

SHUT UP! ALL OF YOU! I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET TOO PLED UP!

AFTER ALL,
THEY ARE
HOT-BLOODED
YOUNG MEN
PUTTING ON
AIR OF BEING
SAMURAI.

YOU
HAVE TO
UNDERSTAND
THAT THERE IS
A HIGH CHANCE
THAT THEY WILL
OULAH THEIR
SAMURAI
AGAINST
US.

YOU
HAVE TO
UNDERSTAND
THAT THERE IS
A HIGH CHANCE
THAT THEY WILL
OBLIVIOUSLY
SAY NO
TO

WE
UNDER-
STAND.



WHILE YOU'RE
AT IT, HOW
ABOUT BRAS-
ING TODAY'S
CLASS OF
SULTANS?

OH WOW!
ALL OF YOU
ARE SO
KIND AND
GENEROUS
TO US!

OH WOW!
ALL OF YOU
ARE SO
KIND AND
GENEROUS
TO US!

**YOU WANT
TO SINK IN**

Sorry...
Sorry...
^



TRY-ING TO PISS US OFF?!

ONE OF THE CHALLENGES IS THE CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT OF THE U.S. BUT IN MY VIEW, IMPORTANCE IS IN A CASE THAT THERE WOULD BE A CASE FOR A MORE OPEN ECONOMY, AND A MORE OPEN ECONOMY IS A MORE OPEN ECONOMY. ONE OF THE CHALLENGES IS THE CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT OF THE U.S. BUT IN MY VIEW, IMPORTANCE IS IN A CASE THAT THERE WOULD BE A CASE FOR A MORE OPEN ECONOMY, AND A MORE OPEN ECONOMY IS A MORE OPEN ECONOMY.



MY
NAME IS
KONDOU
ISAME.

WE HAVE
COME ON
THE ORDERS
OF THE HINO
POST TOWN
MAYOR,
SATO
HIDENO-
BU.



EVEN
THOUGH IT IS
TRUE THAT
OPENING A
GAMBLING
DEN ISN'T
EXACTLY
LEGAL.

KONOGORO
IS MORE OF A
SUPERVISOR
UNDER THE
KANTO SUPER-
VISION OFFICES,
AND ALTHOUGH
HE IS YET CON-
NECTED WITH
THE EDO RIVER
GOVERNOR'S
OFFICE, THAT
DOESN'T MAKE
HIM A SENIOR
OFFICIAL.

KONOGORO
ISN'T OF
WHATSOEVER
YOU'RE
CALLED,

DON'T YOU
THINK IT'S A BIT
LOW TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF
THE SHOGUNATE'S
OFFICES' SILENCE
TO DO WHATEVER
YOU WANT?

HOWEVER, HIS LORDSHIP DONO GENUINELY WANTS TO MANAGE HIS OWN POST TOWN AND PROTECT HIS DEAR RESIDENTS. I RESPONDED TO THAT WILL.

AS YOU SHOULD VERY WELL KNOW, THE SHOGUN LIT'S OFFICES HAVE RESORTED TO ASKING FOR HELP IN THE PAST AS THEY HAVE NOT HAD ENOUGH AUTHORITY TO IMMEDIATELY PROTECT THE PEACE OF THE 8 PROVINCES IN KANTO.



NOT SURPRISED, CONSIDERING THAT THIS IS COMING FROM THE JIN. WHEN I HEARD LATER TO SEE BLOOD FLOW...

IS THAT SO? SO THAT'S WHY YOU CAME TO KILL US AT OUR OWN HOME?



WE ONLY CAME TO TALK TO YOU TODAY.

YOU ARE WRONG.





DAMN...

WILL
YOU NOT
SHOW ANY
SYMPATHY
TOWARDS
OUR DESIST
AND
WITH-
DRAW?

SHOW US
YOUR MAS-
SANINITY,
SIR.



YOU
THINK WE
ARE JUST
GOING TO
LET YOU
GET YOUR
WAY?

DON'T
MESS WITH
US! SAYING
THINGS LIKE
THAT ONLY
WHEN IT'S
CONVE-
NIENT.

THE
ONES WHO
SHOULD WITH-
DRAW ARE
YOU TREAS-
URERS!



SENSEI IS AN
ADMIRABLE
SAMURAI!
AND YET, TO
THESE PEOPLE
WITHOUT
DIGNITY....



KONDOU-
SENSEI! WHY
DO LOWER
YOUR HEAD
TO THESE
FILTHY
GAMBLING
JERKST!



YOU THINK
YOU CAN BE
ALL HERO AND
JUSTIFY AND
PRETEND YOU'RE
A SAMURAI JUST
BECAUSE YOU
KNOW A FEW
SWORD TRICKS?
WHY YOU GO
PRIDE OF
THAT



GULLSHIT!
SAMURAI YOU
SAY? THAT
BASTARD'S
JUST A
FADDER



**TADAZA-
BUROU!**



WE
ARE THE
TRUE DES-
CENDANTS
OF SHOGU-
NAL RETAI-
NERS!!!



WE
AREN'T
PRETEND
SAMU-
RAI!!!



GUH
KYA
AAH!



HOW
DARE YOU
ATTACK
HIM!



I'M
ON IT!



...TOM-
MA.



EVERY-
ONE,
CALM
YOUR-
SELVES!

CALM
DOWN!

WHAT'S
THIS
?!

I
CAN'T
SEE
ANY-
THING!





YOU
SHOULDN'T
WAVE YOUR
SWORD
AROUND
QUIETLY IN
THE DARK,
NOW...

CALM
DOWN A
BIT, BIG
GUY.

DON'T BE
RIDICU-
LOUS.

**DOUR
YAAA!**



WHAT
THE—



DAMN IT!
WHERE DID
THAT BOY
GO?

SHIN-
KICHI!
WHERE
ARE YOU?
SHIN-
KICHI!



SOME-
ONE! A
LAMP!
PLEASE!



*I can't
tell... I
can't
tell a
thing...*



**UWAA
AAAH!**

**UU...
WAAH!**



Uuu...
AAA....

FW

MMH!



Agga!

Uuu...

FU!

YOU
SHOULD
NOT BE SO
EAGER TO
DRAW
YOUR
BLADE.

IF YOU
FEAR DEATH
SO MUCH,



AGREE.

I COMPLETELY..



I DON'T
MEAN TO
BE IMPE-
RIOUS.

BUT I'M
AFRAID I
WILL HAVE TO
ASK YOU TO
STAND BACK
FROM THIS
ONE.







WITH
TOLUNA.

I
AGREE.

NOTHING.



EHP?



Tennen Ryūhin-ryō

Minna Oyo

天然理心流
試衛館

I
WOULDN'T
KICK YOU
OUT OF
THE DO-
JO.

BUT
YOU ARE
NOT QUAL-
IFIED TO
BECOME A
SAMURAI.

ALLOW
YOU TO
HOLD A
SAMURAI
SWORD
AGAIN.

I WILL
NEVER...



A SAMU-
RAI... HUH...

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